

November 2019 News

Hello everyone. Fall/winter weather is upon us. Staying inside and keeping warm with dancing makes good sense – to say nothing of the fun and social factors. The Board has been busy planning for this dance year and we have a few dates we would like you to save in your calendar: December 31st and March 14th. Read “Calgary Events” to find out why!

HIGHLIGHTS:

Membership Renewal | Casino Update | Class information | Calgary Events | Out-of-Town Events

DETAILS:

Membership Renewal

For those of you who've renewed for this year.... Thank-you!! If you haven't renewed your Branch membership by now, you will sadly stop receiving newsletters very soon, and you will not be able to receive any member benefits, like workshop support and free dancing at the AGM. So renew soon! The cost is \$20.00 and the membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th of the next year.

You can print off a membership form from the RSCDS website (<http://www.rscdscalgary.org/membership>) and

- 1) Bring the completed form and \$20.00 to your local dance class – cash or cheques accepted,
- 2) Mail the form and a cheque for \$20.00 per membership to: The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Calgary Branch P.O. Box 1471, Station M, Calgary Alberta, Canada, T2P 2L6
- 3) Email the form to membership@rscdscalgary.org and pay \$20.75 using PayPal on the website - \$20.00 for the membership and \$0.75 for the PayPal fee.

Casino Update

We will be having another casino in the second quarter of 2020. Details on date and signing up to help will be in future newsletters.

Calgary Branch Class News

Here are the regular classes in and around Calgary. Information on addresses of the venues is posted on the RSCDS Calgary branch web site.

- Monday – St Giles SCDC, Scarboro United Church 7:30 pm
- Monday – Airdrie youth, Airdrie United Church Hall, 5:45 pm
- Monday – RSCDS Beginners class, Capital Hill Comm. Hall, 7:30 pm
- Tuesday - Cross and Thistle, North Glenmore Park Hall, 8:15
- Wednesday – Grace SCDC, Grace United, 7:30 pm
- Thursday – St. Barnabas SCDC, St. Barnabas United Church 7:30
- Thursday – Confederation Park SCDC, 6:30 pm
- Saturday – Airdrie Adult class, Airdrie United Church Hall, 7:00 pm

Other Area Classes:

- Tuesday – St. Andrew’s class, Northmount Baptist Church, 7:30
- Tuesday – Confederation Park, 7:30 pm
- Friday – Confederation Park, 10 am

Calgary events

Mini Workshop – Calgary – November 2, 2019

The Branch ran its first mini-workshops on November 2nd. The mini-workshop lasted 3 hours and was led by Barbara Johnstone from Edmonton, and she focused on Corner Formations for the afternoon including the Corner Chain and another unusual corner formation that isn’t in the manual. More than 24 people attended and the feedback was very positive. The next mini-workshop will be held sometime in the new year. Stay tuned!

The St. Andrew-Caledonian Society of Calgary is holding its annual St. Andrew’s Ball on Saturday, November 23, 2019

Venue: Polish-Canadian Cultural Centre – Calgary

Dance Musicians: GlenMorin

On-line registration and further details are available at:

<http://standrewcaledonian.ca/upcoming-events-2/>

St Barnabas CSCDS will be having their annual Christmas Potluck dinner and dance on Thursday December 19th at the St. Barnabas Anglican Church Hall (1407 7th Ave NW). Everyone is welcome. Doors will open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:00pm, followed by dancing. Dinner is potluck and each person will need to bring their own plate, cup and cutlery as well as a dish to share (appetizer, main course, or dessert). Drinks will be provided. Cost is the usual nightly fee - \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members. Dance Programme for the night will be in the December newsletter. For more information contact Nancy Laing at 403-862-6114 or nancylaing@me.com

Hogmanay – Calgary – December 31, 2019

Come ring in the New Year with all your friends from Calgary Branch. The Airdrie group will be hosting this event for us again this year. Stay tuned for further details but this will be a social, fun evening with Ceilidh Dances so that you may bring along any out-of-town guests, extended family or friends for the evening. More information will appear in future newsletters.

One Day Workshop – Calgary – March 14, 2020

Please save this date in your calendar. We will build on the successful one day workshop we ran in 2019.

Out-of-Town Events

The Lethbridge SCD Club is hosting a one day Workshop with evening Social Dance on Saturday 16 November 2019.

Teacher: Rebecca Blackhall-Peters, Summerland, BC

Music for classes and evening dance: The Spurtles

Venue: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1818 5th Ave S, Lethbridge, AB

Classes: two daytime classes

- morning class for beginner, newcomer, and basic dancers (others welcome to attend)
- afternoon class for intermediate, social, and experienced dancers familiar with all the common formations

Dinner: evening catered meal

Dance: social program of about 10 easy to intermediate level dances; dances will be briefed with one walk-through

Evening Attire: elegant casual/semi-formal

Billets: many local dancers are offering billeting spaces

Registration Fee: Complete workshop \$50; Banquet and Ball only \$40

Workshop Coordinator: Kathryn MacIassac, kmacbridle@gmail.com

The Workshop and Dance are primarily aimed at newer and basic to intermediate dancers who may not have attended a workshop but would enjoy the experience of a guest teacher, the camaraderie of our small but growing Club, and the joy of dancing an accessible program to our Lethbridge musicians Lorraine McCormick (keyboard) and Peter McCormick (recorder), aka The Spurtles.

For more information: <http://www.lethbridgescottishcountrydance.org/workshop.html>

The Edmonton Caledonian Branch is holding a One-Day St. Andrew's Workshop and Social on Saturday November 23, 2019

Venue: Bonnie Doon Community Hall – Edmonton

Dance Teacher: Katherine Shearman

Dance Musician: Mary Ross

Registration and further details are available at:

<http://www.rscdsedmonton.com/st-andrewrsquos-workshop-social.html>

Gleneagles Scottish Country Dance Club cordially invites you to our 56th Annual Gleneagles Ball – December 8, 2019

This event will be held in the Pacific Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. This elegant event includes a lavish luncheon buffet, dancing to the acclaimed 20-piece Vancouver Fiddle Orchestra and a decadent dessert buffet following the dancing. Ball Information, Dance Notes and an Order Form are available at <https://rscdsgleneagles.org/2019gleneaglesball> .

Edmonton Workshop – February 14, 15 & 16, 2020

The RSCDS Edmonton Caledonian Branch invites you to their 50th Annual Workshop & Ball at the Chateau Lacombe. Teachers will be Ruth Jappy, Mary Murray and Antoine Rousseau. Musicians will be Kathy Fraser Collins, Fred Collins, Ian Muir, Judi Nicholson & Mary Ross. For further information and registration instructions please visit <http://www.rscdsedmonton.com> Edmonton expects that their registration for this year's event will fill quickly so register early to avoid being disappointed.

Workshop reimbursement:

Workshop reimbursement will be available to members again this year. If you are attending an out of town workshop within Alberta, you may be eligible for up to \$200.00 to cover the cost of the workshop itself and accommodation. However, given the need for fiscal prudence, all RSCDS Calgary Branch members may submit only twice within a year, (\$400.00 per year). If you wish to attend more than 2 workshops in the same year, you are encouraged to send in the required paperwork and if there are sufficient funds left over, reimbursement may be made. For more information please see the RSCDS Calgary website under Member Support. In an effort to keep the reimbursements within the current fiscal year, (May 1-April 30), please have all reimbursement claims into the board for consideration by April 15th, 2020

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Feedback is welcome - please let me know if this information is useful to you and/or if there is anything you would like to see added or any corrections needed. Thanks.

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Happy Dancing!!

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